



Amanda Smith

Biography

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Amanda was appointed as the Executive Director of the Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), in 2009, serving under both Governor Huntsman and Governor Herbert. She also served concurrently as the Energy Advisor to Governor Herbert from January, 2011, to May, 2012. As Executive Director of DEQ, she is responsible for providing leadership to the Department and the state of Utah to carry out DEQ's mission of safeguarding human health and quality of life by protecting and enhancing the environment. DEQ implements State and federal environmental laws and works with individuals, community groups and businesses to protect the quality of our air, land and water. Since its inception, DEQ's six Divisions—Air Quality, Drinking Water, Environmental Response and Remediation, Radiation Control, Solid and Hazardous Waste, and Water Quality—have played key roles in protecting and enhancing Utah's environment.

Amanda received the Governor's Science and Technology Medal in 2011 and was named Lawyer of the Year in 2012 by the Energy, Natural Resources and Environmental Law Section of the Utah State Bar. Under Amanda's leadership, DEQ celebrated its 20 years as an agency that was established in 1991 and has achieved the following successes:

- Improved efficiencies through the Lean Six Sigma process
- Successful closure of the Tooele Army Depot (TOCDF)
- Development of Governor's 10-year Strategic Energy Plan
- Development of a State Implementation Plan for PM 2.5
- Proactively works with oil and gas industry on ozone in the Uintah Basin

Prior to this, Amanda was the Legislative Director and Rural Advisor to Governor Huntsman. In this capacity, she worked on a broad array of natural resource, energy, water and economic development issues. Additionally, she worked closely with the State Legislature on Governor Huntsman's priority issues. Before joining Governor Huntsman's office, Amanda was the Government Relations Director for The Nature Conservancy of Utah.

Amanda Smith received her under-graduate degree in Political Science from the University of Utah and her Juris doctorate degree from Gonzaga University School of Law. She is licensed by the Utah State Bar. Ms. Smith has worked professionally on conservation issues regarding public lands, preservation of private lands, energy policy, water resources and community planning. She has served as a member of the Bureau of Land Management Resource Advisory Council and has also served as a member of the State Institutional Trust Lands Board of Trustees.

Amanda is a third generation Utahn and grew up in Park City, Utah. She is married to Evan Dillon and they have two children; Miles, age 16, and Madeline, age 8. She enjoys running with her dog, skiing, biking and cooking.